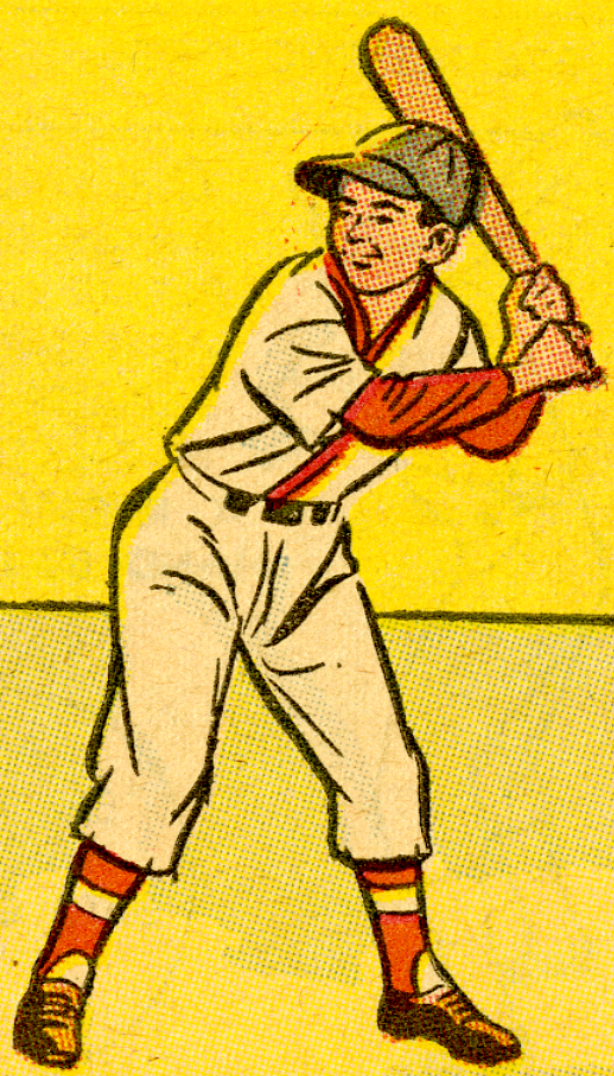
FINER POINTS OF
BASEBALL FOR EVERYONE

HOW TO BAT



HINTS FOR LITTLE, JUNIOR, MIDGET, BABE RUTH PLAYERS

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF BATTERS :

ONE WHO SWINGS THE BAT FROM HIS RIGHT SHOULDER IS CALLED A **RIGHT HAND BATTER**

WHILE A **LEFT HAND BATTER** SWINGS FROM HIS LEFT SHOULDER

A "SWITCH-HITTER" BATS **EITHER** WAY

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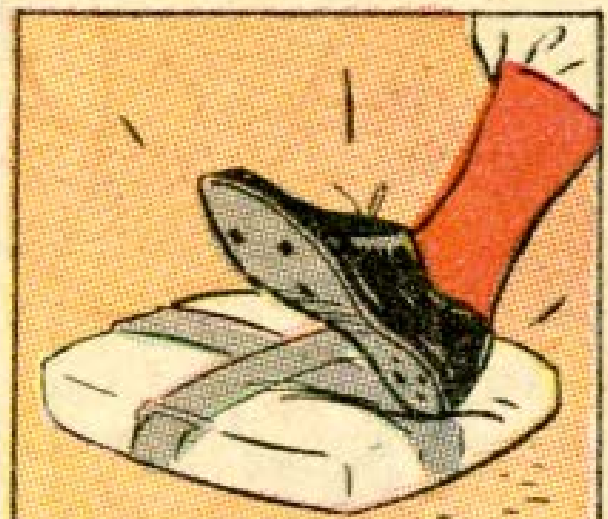
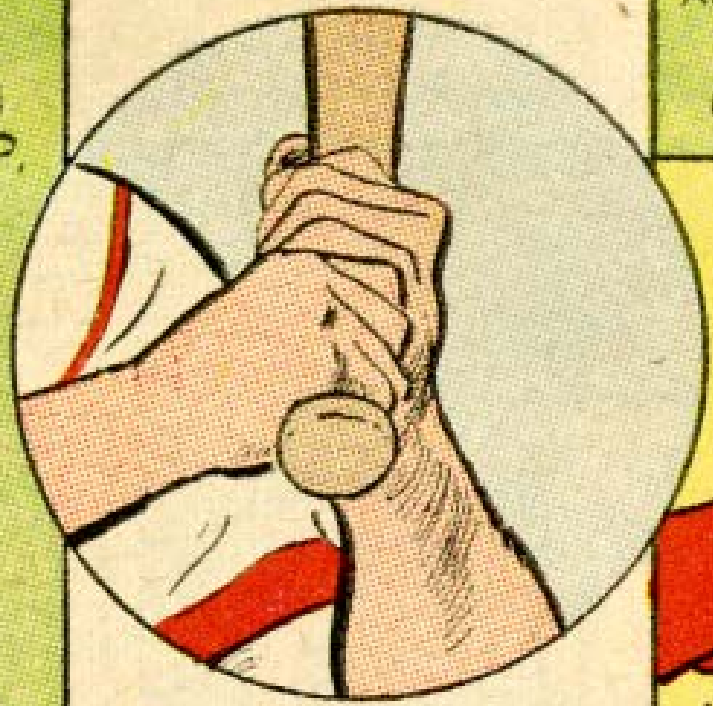
A LEFT-HAND BATTER HAS A DOUBLE ADVANTAGE: HE IS A STEP CLOSER TO FIRST BASE .. AND HIS SWING CARRIES HIM IN THAT DIRECTION



THAT CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING SAFE AND BEING OUT!

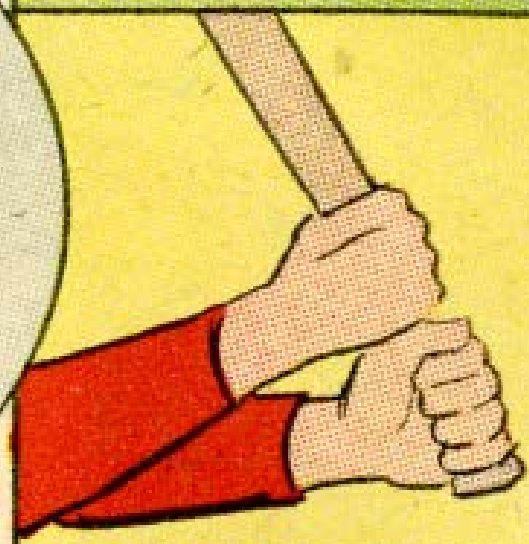
THE BAT IS HELD "ACCORDING TO THE GRAIN"... WITH THE TRADEMARK UP.

OTHERWISE THE BAT MAY CRACK



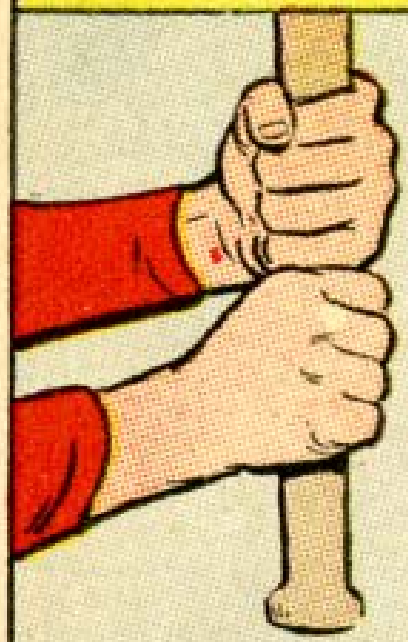
ALWAYS GRIP THE BAT WITH THE HANDS CLOSE TOGETHER . . .

AND **NEVER** WITH THE HANDS CROSSED!



ANYONE WITH A TENDENCY TO BAT CROSS-HANDED SHOULD SWITCH AND BAT FROM THE OTHER SHOULDER

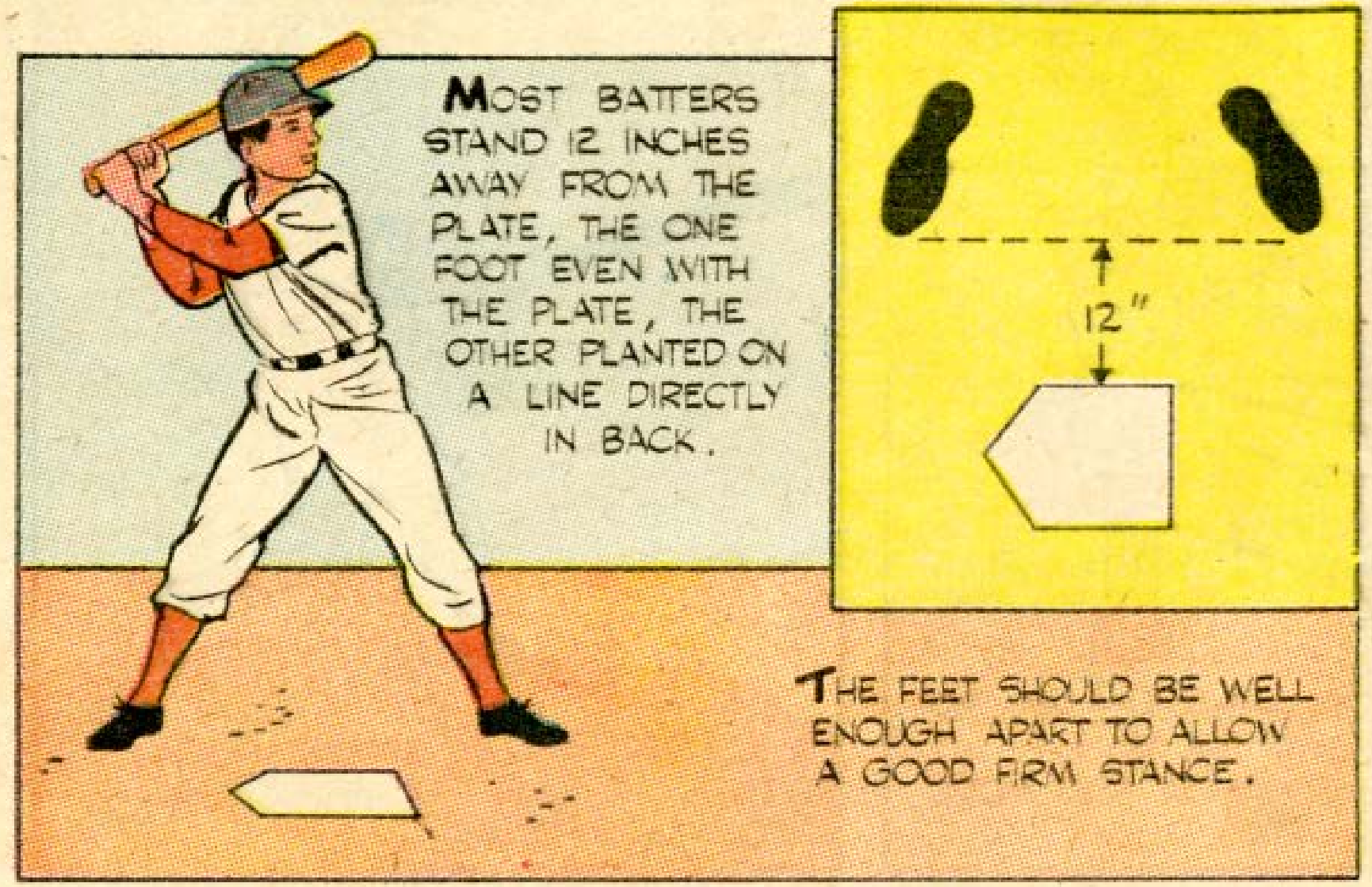
A **CHOKE** HITTER HOLDS THE BAT SHORT . .

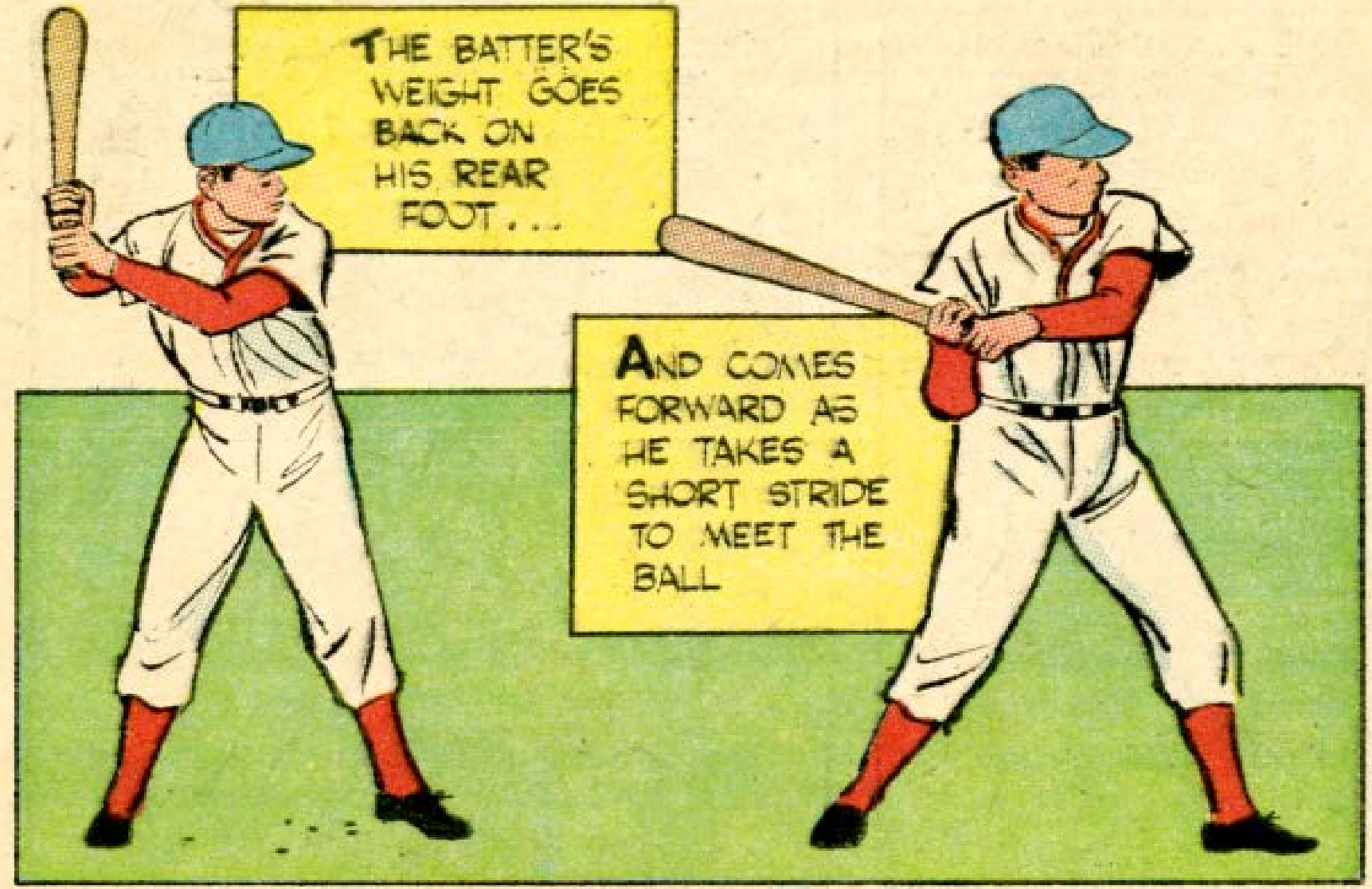


THIS ENABLES HIM TO HIT THE BALL SQUARELY AND MORE OFTEN

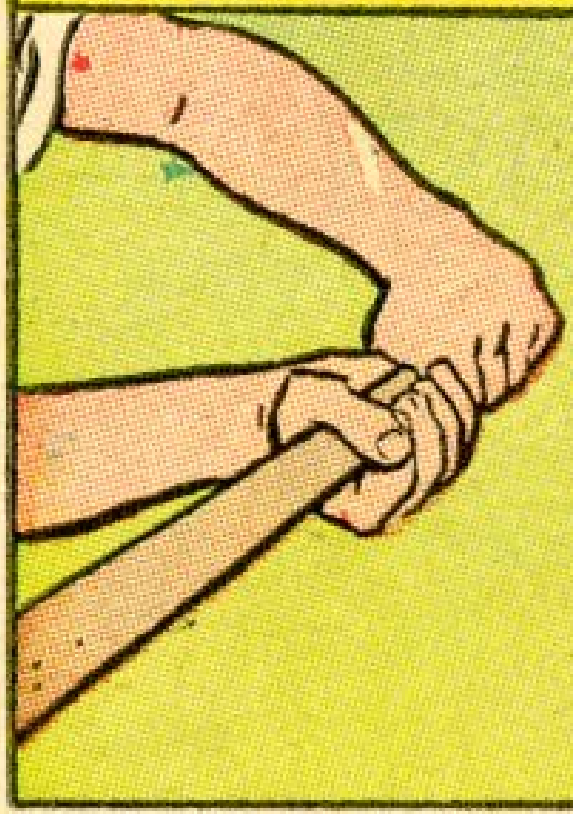
A **FREE** HITTER HOLDS THE BAT AT THE END

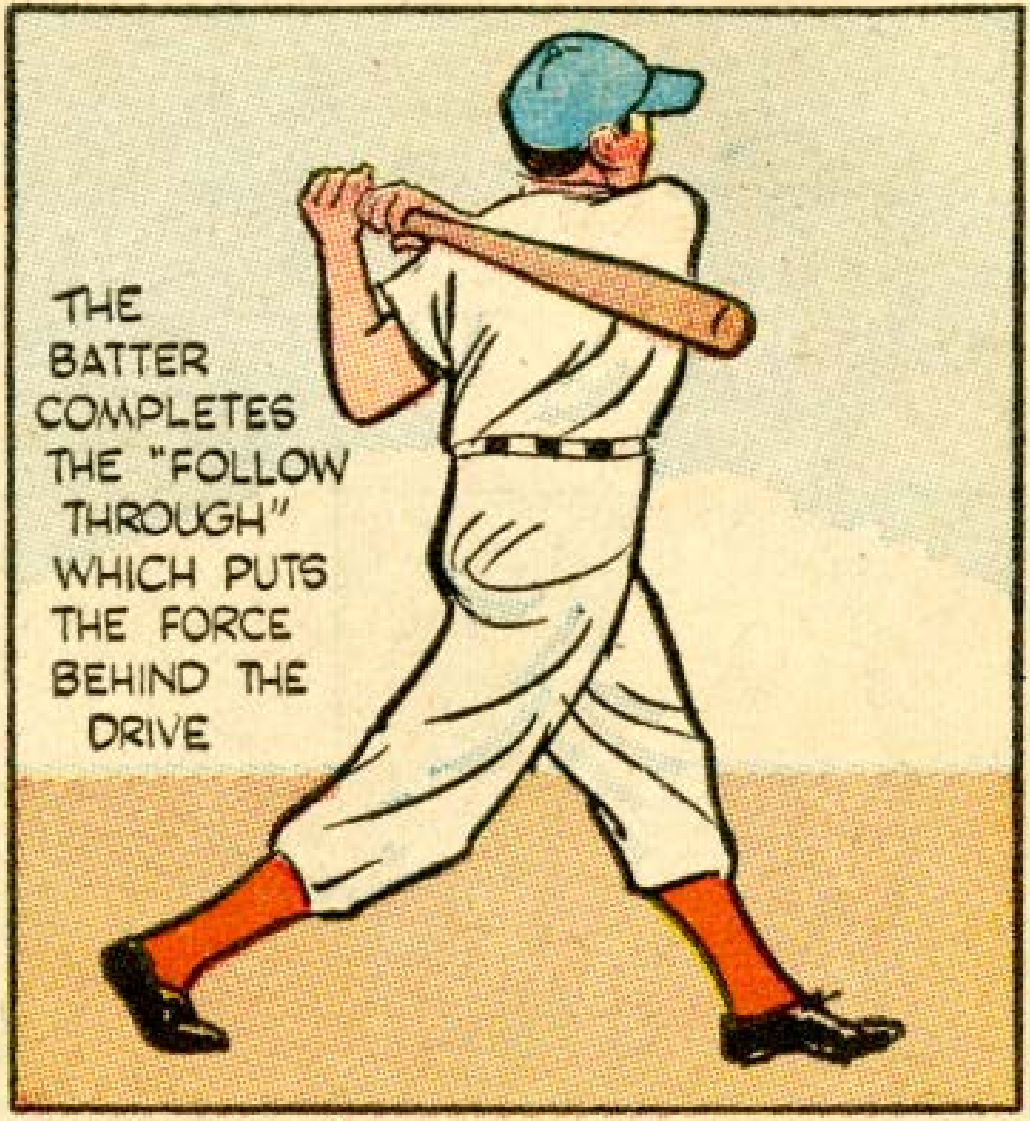
A LONGER, HARDER SWING, WHICH DRIVES THE BALL FARTHER WHEN IT "CONNECTS" RIGHT!


MOST BATTERS STAND 12 INCHES AWAY FROM THE PLATE, THE ONE FOOT EVEN WITH THE PLATE, THE OTHER PLANTED ON A LINE DIRECTLY IN BACK.
12"
THE FEET SHOULD BE WELL ENOUGH APART TO ALLOW A GOOD FIRM STANCE.


THE BATTER'S WEIGHT GOES BACK ON HIS REAR FOOT...
AND COMES FORWARD AS HE TAKES A SHORT STRIDE TO MEET THE BALL

THE HANDS TIGHTEN THEIR GRIP AS THE BAT MEETS THE BALL, INSURING THE FULL IMPACT





WHETHER HIS STANCE IS SHORT . . .

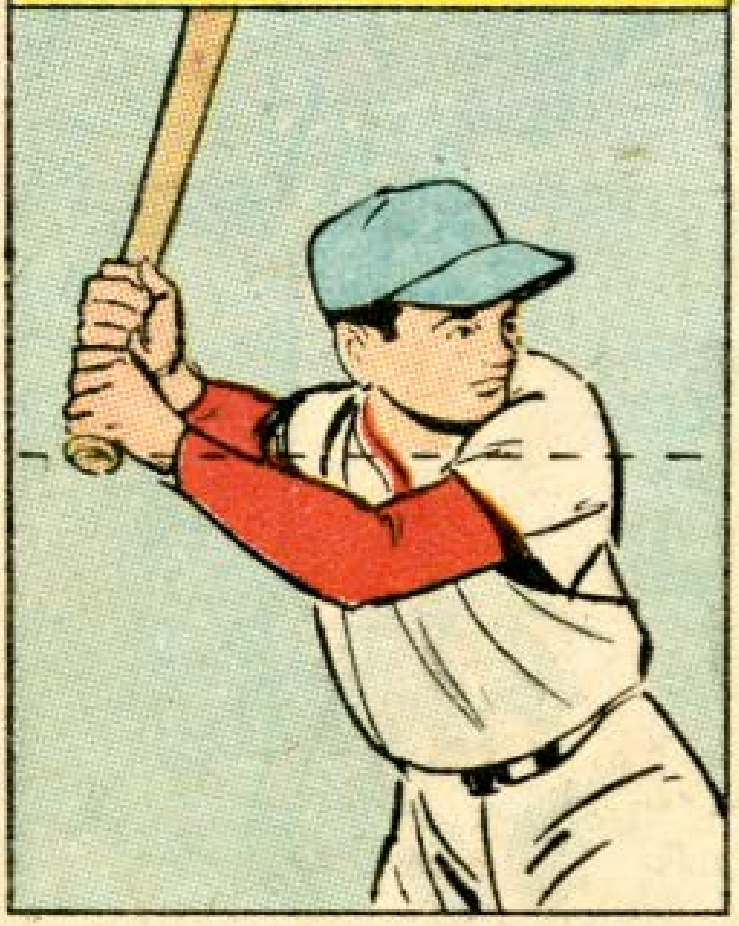
OR WIDE . . .

THE BATTER MUST STEP INTO THE BALL . . .

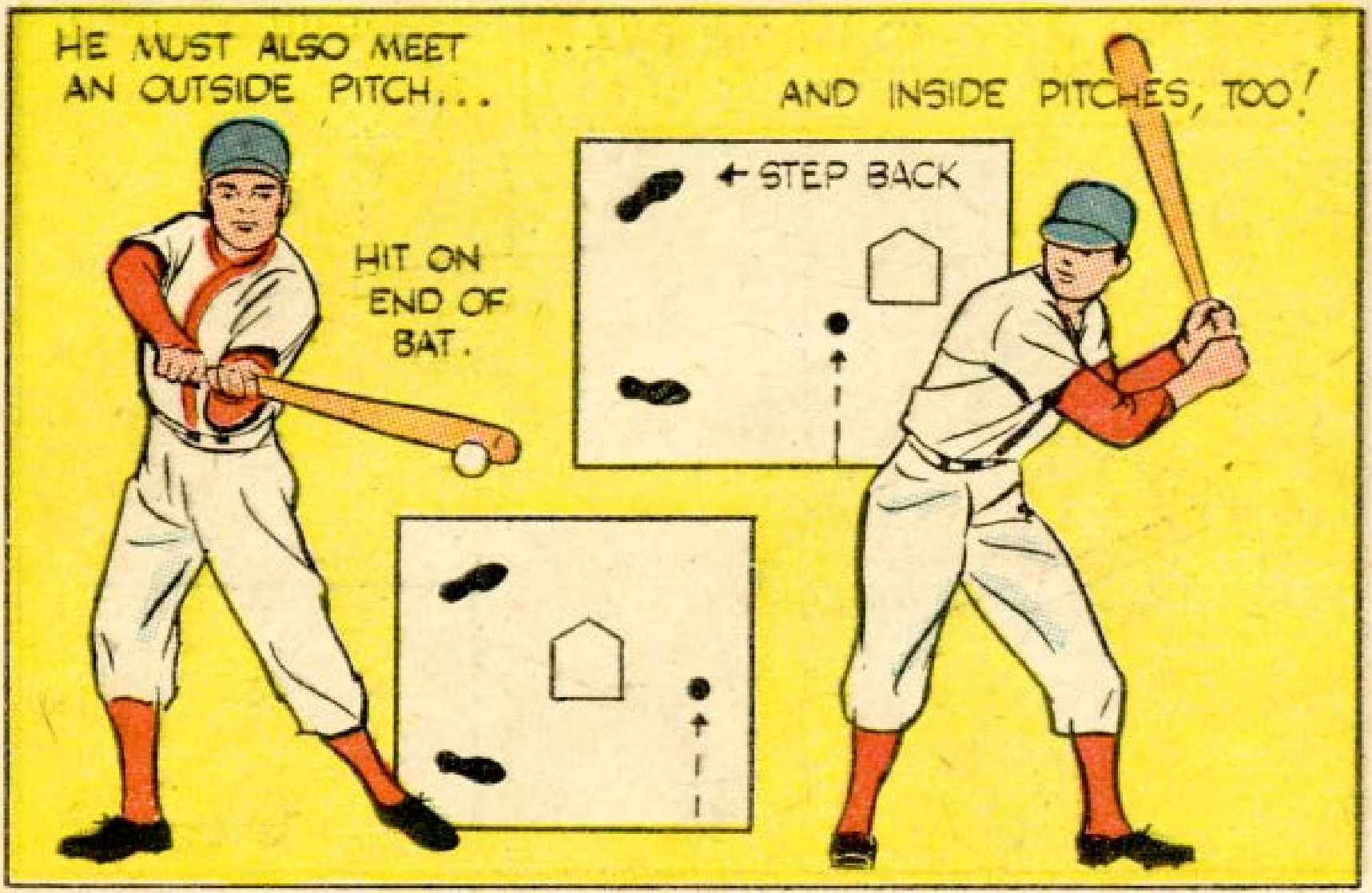
AND NEVER AWAY FROM IT!

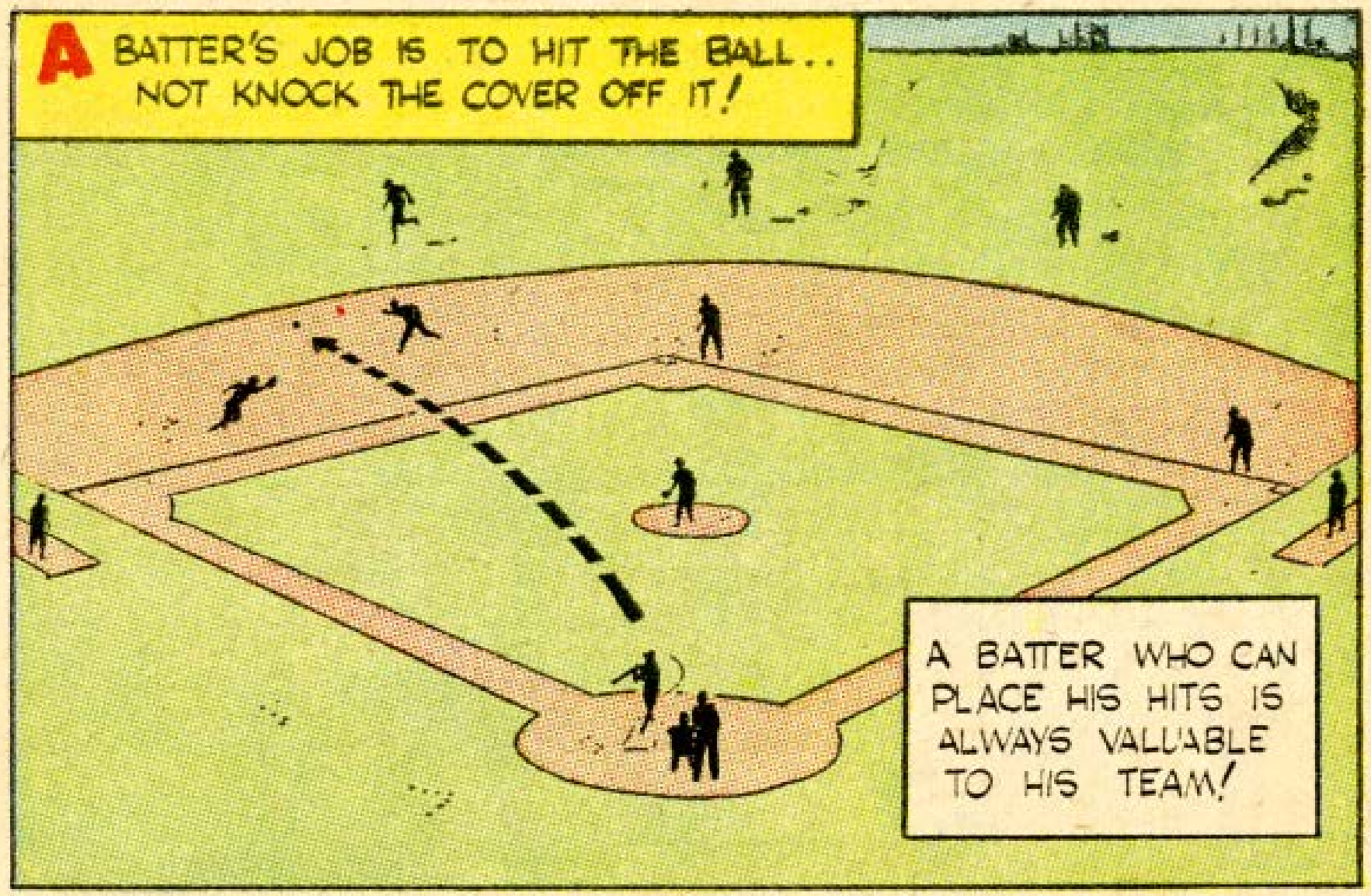
THIS IS CALLED BATTING WITH ONE FOOT "IN THE WATER BUCKET" . . . YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE SWINGING A BROOM-STICK!

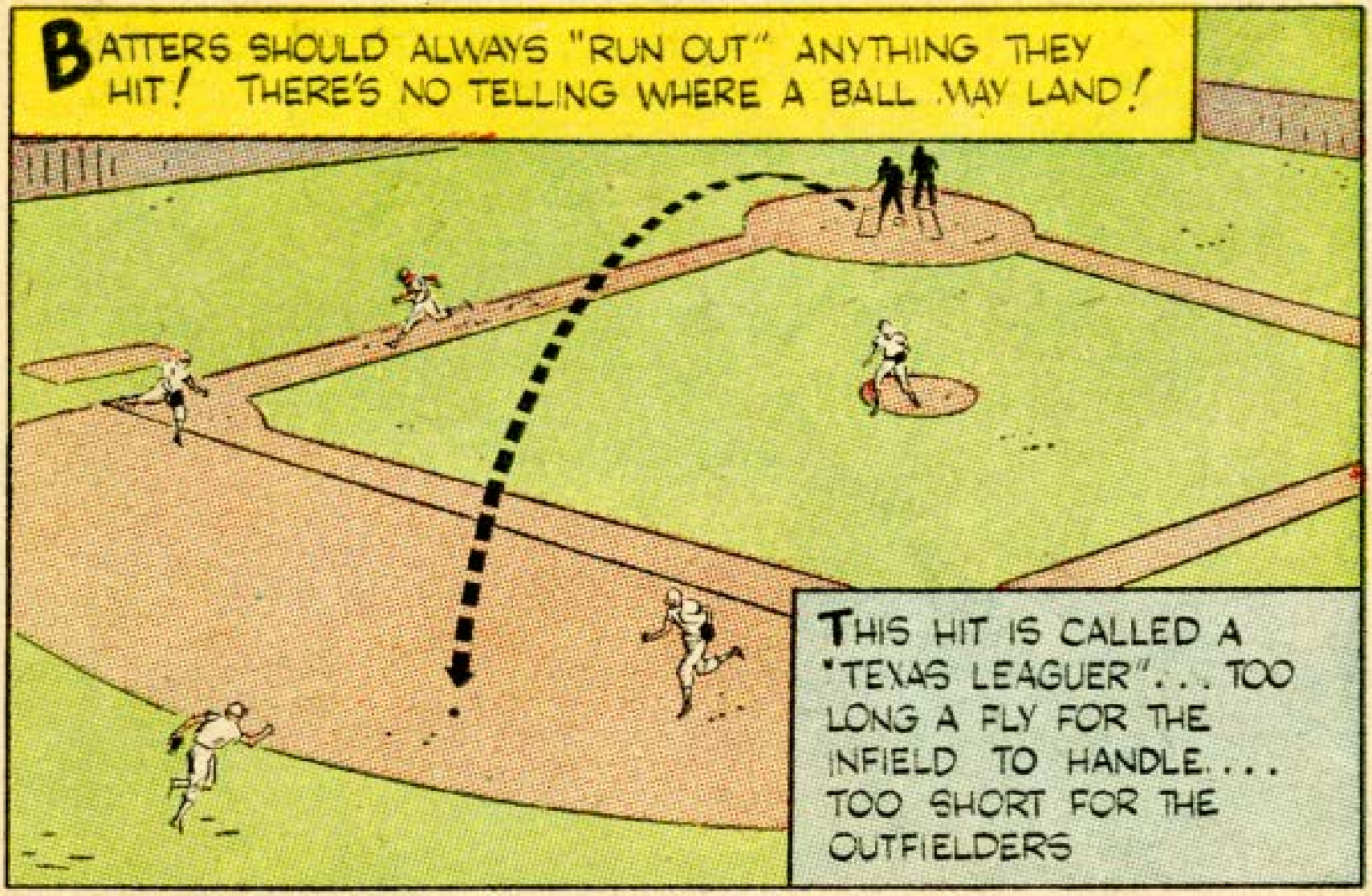
THE BATTER MUST LEARN TO HIT **HIGH** PITCHES . . .



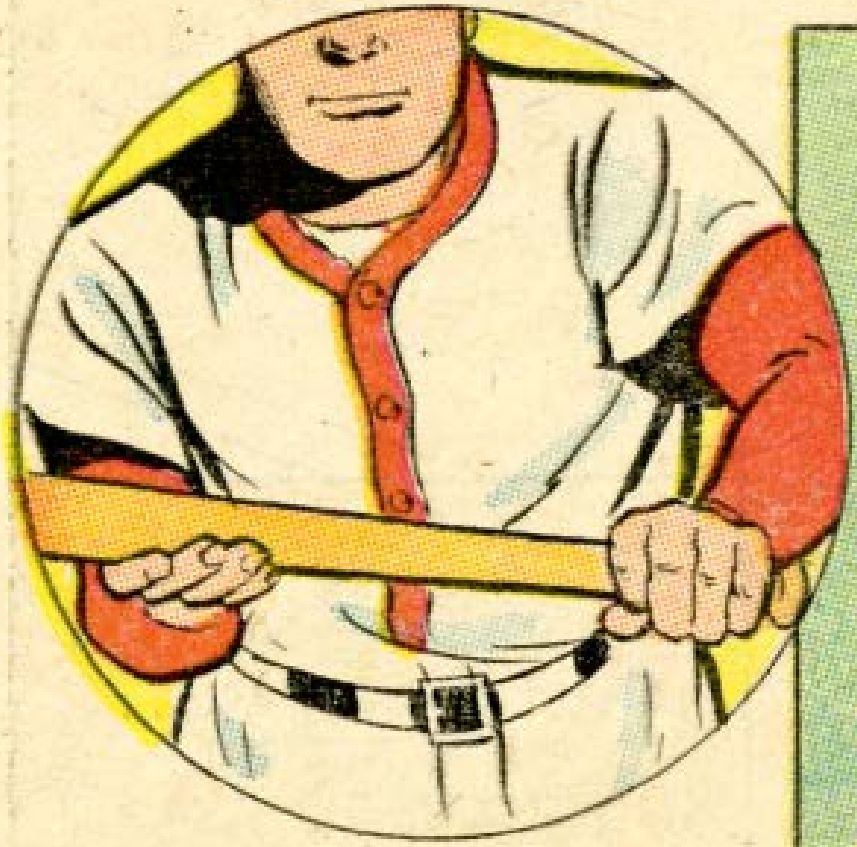
AND **LOW** PITCHES AS WELL

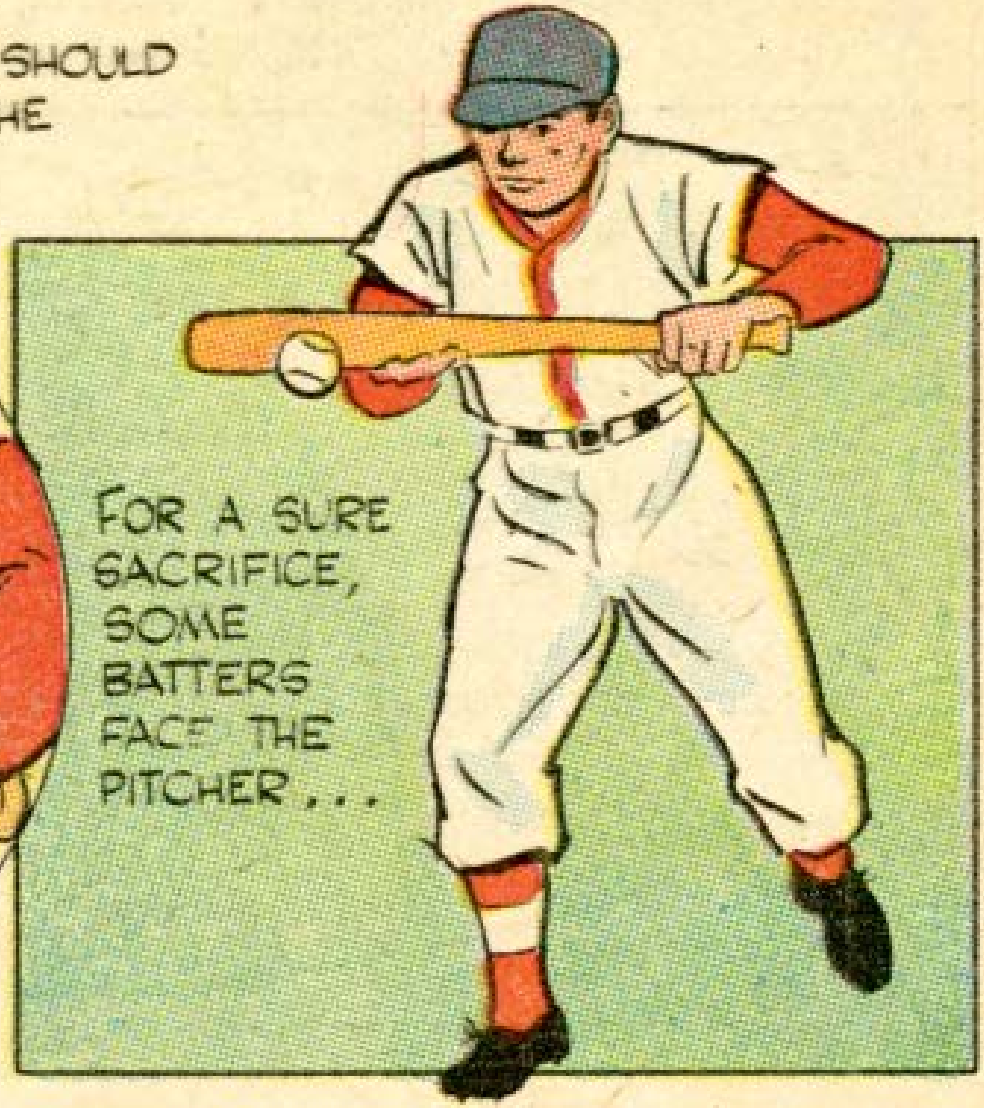

HE MUST ALSO MEET AN OUTSIDE PITCH...
HIT ON END OF BAT.
AND INSIDE PITCHES, TOO!
STEP BACK

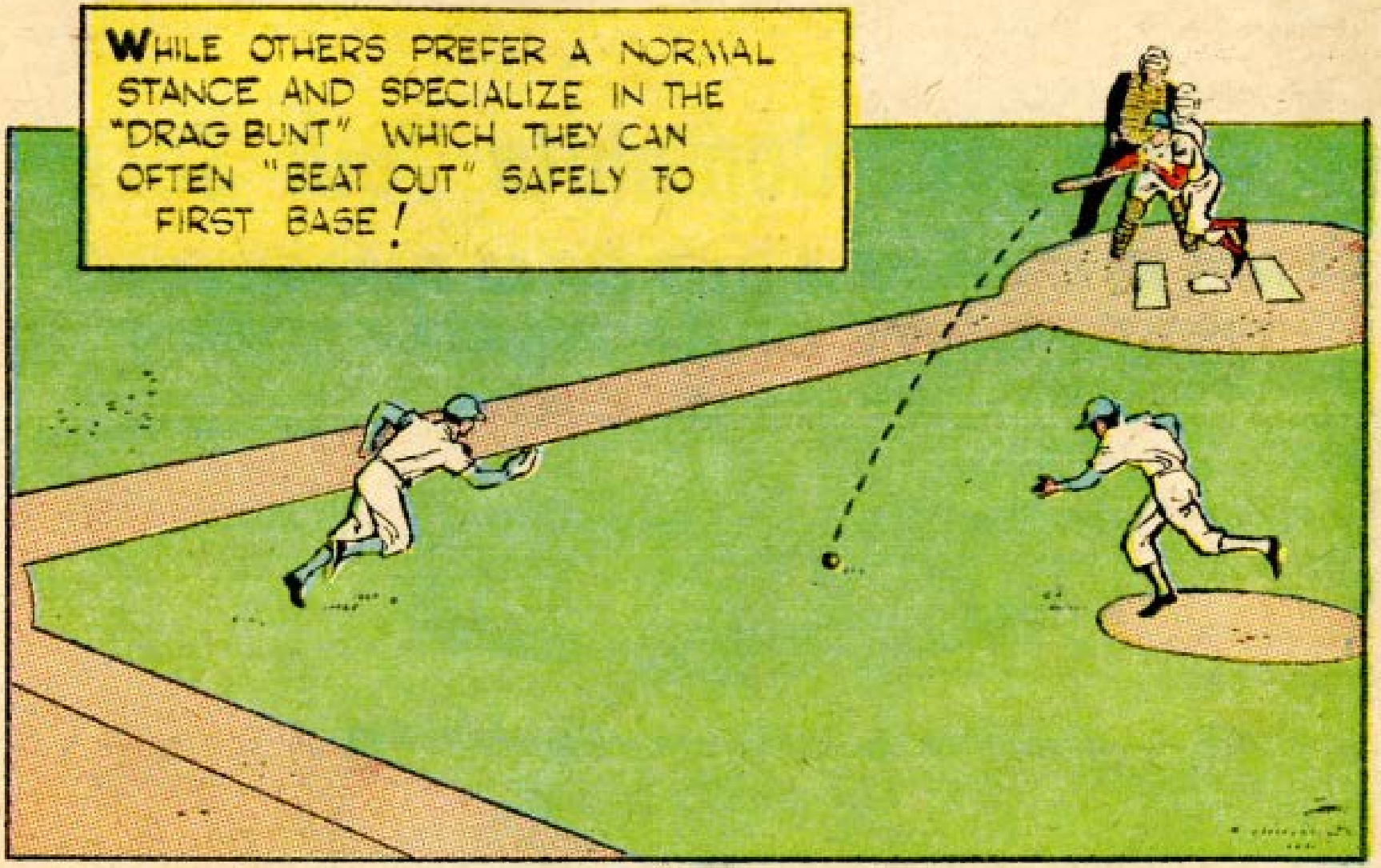

A BATTER'S JOB IS TO HIT THE BALL.. NOT KNOCK THE COVER OFF IT!
A BATTER WHO CAN PLACE HIS HITS IS ALWAYS VALUABLE TO HIS TEAM!


BATTERS SHOULD ALWAYS "RUN OUT" ANYTHING THEY HIT! THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE A BALL MAY LAND!
THIS HIT IS CALLED A "TEXAS LEAGUER"... TOO LONG A FLY FOR THE INFIELD TO HANDLE... TOO SHORT FOR THE OUTFIELDERS

IN **BUNTING**, THE BAT SHOULD BE HELD LOOSELY, WITH THE HANDS WELL APART.



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